

Excalibur



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King Arthur's Community School

Message from Headteacher

This has been a busy week for King Arthur's. Year 9 Options Evening, Year 11 GCSE Catering practical examinations, fund raising for Haiti, Year 8 learning about First Aid and an OFSTED inspection! The inspection was a success and we look forward to being able to share the report with you when it is published in about three weeks time.

As this half-term draws to a close, I want to thank you for your continued support for the school and wish you a Happy Chinese New Year— "Kung Hei Fat Choi".

Ms T Bradbury

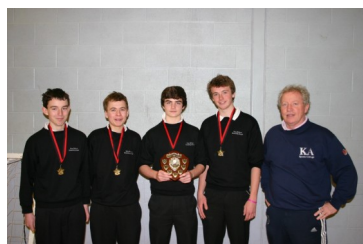
Student Voice

Students' views and opinions are important to the school's development. We will often consult with them on improvements to school facilities, department reviews and staff appointments. Our Whole School Council for this year is:

Adrian Druzd - 7SR, Holly Austin - 7JG, Kara Poole - 8CW, Wiktor Dokladny - 8EV, Beth Hawkins - 9SC, Connor Dicker - 9JH, Tilia Colman - 9JH, Matthew Spirrell - 10VG, Rhiannon Copland - 10TI, Amy Chick - 10TI, Nina Turk - 10DK, Alistair James—10DK, Chester Lewis - 11DL, Ashley Merritt - 11GM, Jess Potter - 11MR

County Badminton Finals

We had 3 teams representing us in the County finals earlier in the term. Two of them have gone on to be County Champions. They will now represent Somerset in the South West Regional finals at Exeter in March. If they win they go on to the National finals in Nottingham in April. KS4 Boys - Joe Wakelam, Matt Phillips, Graham Hutchings and John O'Rourke. KS3 Girls - Jenny Naylor, Helen O'Rourke Poppy Skipper and Claire Goodson. Well done to our talented students.



Weird and Wonderful in Wincanton!

Students from King Arthur's submitted entries to a competition organized by Wincanton Window. The prize winners were Stacie Parker and Ruth Dolling. (www.wincantonwindow.co.uk)



Stacie Parker - 7ST



Ruth Dolling - 8EV

Onatti Theatre Company

We invited the Onatti Theatre Company to perform a play in French for Years 7, 8 and 9. The play was set in 1540 and it was about an English knight sent to France to find Henry VIII's fourth wife! The topics used in the play were from KS3 and therefore were very relevant to the students' learning. Most of the play was in French but the speaking part was supported by a lot of visuals, miming, music and some English. Some students were even asked to take part, Daniel Humphreys, Mat Ley, and McCauley Biddle for example! It was a great opportunity for students to hear real French in another context other than the classroom. It was fun and quick! The majority of students really enjoyed the play and the experience of hearing French from other people not just their teachers. We want to repeat the experience every year, because it is well received by students and it is a fun way to learn!

Ms Cadieu, Head of MFL



Oxford University Trip

A group of Year 10 students had an early start at the end of January to go and experience a day in the life of an Oxford University Undergraduate. They were joined by students from Sexey's, Ansford and Whitstone School. The day was spent doing a number of activities. Firstly we had a tour of Christ Church College, one of the largest in the University, which has Oxford Cathedral in the College grounds and we were shown typical student rooms. There was then an opportunity to ask questions of first year students. We were then treated to lunch in the Great Hall, the entrance to which was used in one of the Harry Potter movies, the hall could have been in Hogwarts, except the pictures didn't move or speak to you, and the ghosts were strangely absent!

After lunch, we had an exercise where we had to advertise impossible products, these included disposable boomerangs, chocolate teapots, glow in the dark disguises, mountaineering in Belgium, and resort holidays in Antarctica. Christie Sims presentation of a glow in the dark disguise could have been inspired by Magnus Pike given his enthusiasm for his subject and whirlwind demonstrations!

We were then taken around Oxford city centre by undergraduates on a photo treasure hunt to photograph such things as, a scene from a film, men with beards, somewhere students go to relax, somewhere they go to study etc. It was a great day and gave a good insight into how colleges work and other opportunities available in higher education.

David Dolling (Site Manager)



Gifted and Talented

Six of us from Year 7 went to Kilve Court for a week to do some challenging maths. We made RotaFlotas, used computer graphs and did investigations about chickens and snowflakes! We had to build shelters, went fossil hunting and had a 'Connect4' tournament. It was great fun, and I would go again if I had the opportunity.

by Georgina Sutton - 7AC

Sport Leaders Award

The Sports Leader Level 1 Award that students in Year 10 study as part of one of their core PE lessons each week has been as busy as ever this academic year. Students have been organising and assisting Mr Hayes, Mr Elloway and Mrs Pattemore with Primary school competitions and working with the toddlers and staff at West Hill Nursery.

Students have been very proactive in volunteering and assisting members of the PE Dept and coaches from outside school in running after school and lunchtime clubs. The leaders enjoyed a well deserved treat before Christmas to Bowlplex in Yeovil, as a sign of our gratitude towards their commitment in the autumn term.

Primary school competitions happening soon include: Tag Rugby tournament, top link festival, Wincanton primary school sports day, football and netball tournament.



Community Cohesion

A Parent and Child exercise class that has been running since the start of January at The Balsam Centre has been one of my projects as a Community Outreach Coordinator. The exercise class has been funded by the Sports College as a means of reaching more parents to encourage participation in an exercise class and to meet new people. Other projects for this new Community Cohesion scheme have involved forming better links with the West Hill Nursery, the Brownies and Wincanton Sports Centre.

Up and coming projects for 2010 will include a Health Awareness Day for Parents, students and the local community at King Arthur's Community School in the Summer as well as a Skate Park Extravaganza at Wincanton Skate Park and a Rugby Camp at King Arthur's Community School during the summer holidays.

If anybody feels that they have a community group or project that they need support with please contact Jonny Hayes at King Arthurs Community School on 01963 32368 or email Jonathan.Hayes@kingarthur's.org.uk



**Jonny Hayes -
Community Outreach Coordinator**



Netball News

The Yr 7 Netball teams have got off to a flying start, with well over 17 pupils attending practices regularly. Students involved have shown great enthusiasm and versatility throughout fixtures with other schools. Di Vincent, Netball coach, commented on the mass participation and interest shown from this year group, a variety of further matches are planned for the rest of the term! Some potential great Netball leaders have given both time and commitment to help with Netball this term, a big thank you from Mrs Pattemore goes to Amy Chick, Nina Turk, Sarah Jones, Charlotte Hulland and Rhiannon Copland.

FOKAS Ball

Our James Bond Theme was a huge success. You would not have recognised the school hall or the dining room which became a casino for the evening! The Friends of King Arthur's did a fantastic job and raised approximately £900 for the school. The date for next years ball has already been set, **21st January 2011 - 'A Night at the Oscars'**, so make a note in your diaries now!



A Winter Warmer!

NEW RUGBY SHIRT

A new OPTIONAL warm rugby shirt is now available from RAM Sport in Wincanton for £20.

The top is a optional extra for boys and girls and is for outdoor winter lessons. Students will still need their short sleeved top and sweatshirt for indoor lessons and lessons in the summer

*Modelled by
Chester Lewis -Yr11*

Chester is involved with the Somerset RFU Super Six Programme. We had a letter just before Christmas advising us of his achievements and we would like to congratulate him on Captaining the squad.



Dance Competition

The end of the autumn term saw the King Arthur's Dance Competition attended by students from all year groups, and watched by an appreciative student audience. The competition was close with students showing their flair for choreography and their creativity in choice of costume. Dance styles varied from Contemporary and tap and to Hip Hop. The show was judged by Miss Elliot, Annalise Salter (Yr11) Isabel Guppy (Yr11) and Vicky from Take Art Dance, with Jodie Everill (Yr11) acting as MC. There were 3 categories, Best Costume, won by Corrine Foot and Daisy Jackson (Yr8), Best Choreography, won by Stacey Fowler and Ella Brunton (Yr9) and Best Overall Performance, won by Holy Turk, Maddy Brooks and Connie Higgins (Yr8).



Key Stage 3 Table Tennis

Nine students played Frome Community College at table tennis. Two separate tournaments were run - singles and doubles. On arrival the King Arthur's team became a little apprehensive with the realisation that in fact the youngest Key Stage 3 students at Frome College were Year 9! King Arthur's took seven Year 7 students and two Year 8. King Arthur's won the singles tournament, with Jack Griffin (Year 8) in 1st place and Harry Woolway finishing 3rd. The newcomers to the sport played in the doubles and equipped themselves well, lead by Patrick Nugus (Year 7).

The King Arthur's team were praised by Mr Elloway for their positive attitude on the fixture and paid complement to their improvement in standards after practicing with Geoff Argent (Table Tennis coach) at the Wednesday after school club.

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